

Town Meeting Coordinating Committee

Meeting of Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Town Hall, Romer Room

Attendance: Adrienne Terrizzi, Rob Crowner, Mary Streeter, Peggy Roberts, Nonny Burack. Absent: Harry Brooks, Carol Gray.

1. Call to order: Peggy calls the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

2. Electronic voting subcommittee: Rob reports that the subcommittee has continued its compilation of issues that might be raised by the Town Moderator at the annual moderators' meeting on October 29 and will be adding data on time spent voting to the information it will provide for a report to Town Meeting. Peggy notes that Harrison Gregg has been asked to lead the forum on electronic voting and thus may not be able to bring back definitive answers to the committee's questions; however, he should at least gather some independent feedback.

3. Meeting with Moderator: Adrienne suggests that the committee ask the Moderator to debrief us following the moderators' meeting and before Town Meeting begins for the purpose of completing an interim report on electronic voting. It is agreed that a meeting will be sought for Monday, November 1 at 4:00pm.

4. Warrant articles: Peggy reports that the list of articles is still in flux; some committees have still not made final decisions about what to bring forward. The committee discusses the details and status of some of the articles on the preliminary list.

Peggy states that most of the article presenters have been lined up for the warrant review. The big "development modifications" zoning article will be allotted a half hour itself at the end of the warrant review. Adrienne confirms by cellphone that ACTV will be able to tape the warrant review, scheduled to begin at 7:30 on Thursday, October 21.

5. Bus tour: The committee determines that there are three CPA articles and possibly two non-site-specific animal-related articles that might be included on a bus tour. Adrienne moves that the bus tour be omitted this time, and instead an effort be made to make photos and maps available at the warrant review and precinct meetings, which the committee approves by consensus. It is agreed that the provision of visuals at these events will be noted in the publicity for them (and that this is being done in lieu of a bus tour). Adrienne will contact Harry to cancel the bus reservation.

6. Packet materials: Mary will adapt the information from a summary of "other places to get information" that has been included in previous packets into a "preparing for Town Meeting" section to add to the warrant review flier. The reverse will be the precinct meeting schedule. The deadline for submission of materials is Tuesday, October 12.

Nonny states that she has volunteered TMCC members to assist town staff in stuffing packets. Mary will contact Dorwenda Bynum-Lewis to print the sticker.

The second packet will include fliers on availability of childcare, ways to shorten Town Meeting, and tips on improving the audio experience of TM -- though Adrienne is concerned about the appearance of condescending to members. Nonny mentions that she has demonstrated proper microphone use in the past at the moderator's request, and could do so again. The committee may also include a written report on electronic voting, if it decides not to make an oral report.

7. Precinct meetings: n/a.

8. Upcoming meetings: Pre-TM meetings are scheduled for October 11, October 12, October 19, October 26, and (tentatively) November 1. The first and last will be held at the Police Station; the others at Town Hall.

9. New business: n/a

10. Minutes of previous meetings: Mary moves, Adrienne seconds, and the committee approves the minutes of the September 21, 2010 meeting by a vote of 5-0.

11. Adjournment: The meeting is adjourned at 5:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Crowner

Documents provided:

1. agenda
2. draft minutes of September 21, 2010 meetings
3. draft list of articles for Fall TM warrant
4. precinct meeting flier
5. draft of packet sticker